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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...on the...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Dwite Pedersen. Senator Dwite Pedersen, your light is on. You're yielding your time?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Oh no, I'm sorry. I thought Senator Chambers was asking a question of Senator Don Pederson.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: He was. His time ran out.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: His time...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Yours has begun.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Sorry about that. Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I'm a little bit behind here. We're talking about LB 96 (sic--LB 95) and I haven't said much about it except for my opening remarks yesterday. And I wanted to mention again that I know Senator Schimek said yesterday that she did think it would hurt business and I agree that it would hurt business now, because the people aren't following the law. That's why the people came in with this bill. They testified in committee saying that their competition was serving alcohol in the limousines so they had to, too, in order to compete. I still believe that if we had no alcohol in any of the limousines that it would not hurt business. Limousines have been used for more than to party in. They've been used as vehicles to haul people back and forth from weddings, from wonderful occasions, and they've been used for people to ride in when they I'm saying they should not be used to continue to intoxicated. be intoxicated. I have no problems with designated drivers, as long as the vehicle is not full of outrageous drunks who are physically acting out. And that's why a lot of people rent limousines, so they can get back and forth and don't have to worry about getting a DUI when they're driving. The way it is now, we're just saying they cannot drink while they're in the limousine. I don't know if all of you realize it, I hope I'm not talking down to you when I say, you know, you can't drink in And they're not drinking in buses anymore and a bus either. they are still chartering busses. Now, if they are, they're